

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Leon J. Harper
KIYOSHI KUSAMA ET AL.	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2166
Application No.: 10/628,407	)	
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Filed: July 29, 2003	)	
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For: METHOD, APPARATUS,	)	Conf. No.: 6364
AND STORAGE MEDIA FOR	:	
IMAGE PROCESSING	)	January 29, 2007

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2006, and prior to any further examination pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.